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Briefing Sheet for the Chairman, JCS, on a report by the J-5, for Joint Chiefs of Staff Meeting, Fri, 9 Jan 59, Agenda Item No. 3.

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Subject: Berlin Situation (U)

Background - On 5 Jan 59, representatives of Br, Fr, and US govts discussed action to be taken after the USSR turns over control of access to Berlin to the GDR. Representatives agreed to meet again 14 Jan 59 to consider preparations to be made and a time table of military events.

- On 10 Nov 58, Khrushchev stated that USSR functions in Berlin will be turned over to the GDR, and advised the tripartite powers to make their own arrangements with the GDR.

- On 11 Dec 58, an approved U.S. position providing for use of limited military force to show determination to maintain rights of surface access to Berlin was sent to Bonn for tripartite planning.

- On 14 Dec 58, the tripartite powers reaffirmed their determination to maintain their rights in Berlin.

- On 31 Dec 58, U.S. told to USSR it will not accept USSR repudiation of its obligations respecting free access to Berlin, nor substitution of the GDR for the USSR.

Current Paper - Contains a memo for SECDEF, together with Appendix "A" and "B" thereto, which:

a. Informs him of JCS views on the military preparations, course of action, method, and timing thereof, which indicate the steps to be taken to meet the Berlin situation unless the USSR withdraws from its position.

b. Recommends that the JCS views be forwarded to SECSTATE for use in discussions with Br and Fr representatives.

Service Comments - The Services are expected to support the paper as written.

Comments and Recommendations - The International Policy Branch, J-5, recommends that the Chairman, JCS, support the paper as written. Time prevented formal staff coordination. A corrigendum will be prepared incorporating Gen Norstad's views if received, or removing statement in memo to SECDEF that his views have been considered.

Opinion as to Recommendations:

Director, J-5 _____ *D.J.* (concur)(non-concur)

Director, Joint Staff _____ (concur)(non-concur)

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